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Telangana State Regional News

Natural Farming Advocacy in Telangana	Context: • Telangana ranks third in India for pesticide consumption, trailing only Haryana and Punjab, with around 900 kilos per hectare.
	Key points: Environmental Impact: • Conventional agriculture practices contribute to soil erosion and decreased organic carbon levels, compromising soil health and resilience against pests.
	 Call for Natural Farming: Advantages of Natural Farming: Advocates, including Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), promote natural farming as a sustainable alternative. It not only avoids health risks associated with pesticides but also aids in debt reduction for farmers.
	Success of APCNF: • The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative, supported by RySS, received acclaim with the Gulbenkian Price for Humanity 2024.
	Climate Concerns: • Impact of Climate Change: Rising temperatures across Telangana districts and erratic rainfall patterns underscore the urgency for sustainable farming practices like natural farming.
	Monocropping Challenges: • Monoculture practices prevalent in Telangana, focusing on crops like paddy, chilli, and cotton, necessitate increasing chemical inputs annually, further stressing soil fertility.
Niti Aayog's SDG Index	Context: • Telangana was placed 11th in Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index for 2023-24, securing 74 points out of 100. • Despite an increase of five points from the previous year, the state's ranking remained unchanged.
	Key points: • Telangana showed notable performance in goals related





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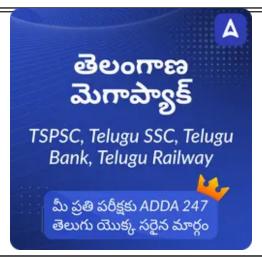
	 to No Poverty, Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Affordable and Clean Energy. However, it underperformed in several other SDG goals as highlighted in the report. Among states, Telangana ranked prominently with 64.11% of its Gross Value Added (GVA) in services, second only to Karnataka.
	 Environmental Initiatives: Telangana emerged with the second highest afforested area, covering 2.63% of its total land. The state also recorded the highest percentage increase in carbon stock at 6.68%.
	 Healthcare Metrics: Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in Telangana stands at 43 per one lakh live births, achieving the national target of 70 by 2030 well ahead of schedule. Additionally, the state boasts immunization coverage of 106.1% among children.
FABA Innovation Summit 2024	 Context: Hyderabad will host the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) Innovation Summit 2024, in collaboration with Science Gurus and University of Hyderabad (UoH). The summit will highlight significant advancements in life sciences and biotechnology from August 3 to 18, 2024. The summit's focal point is the prestigious Dr. Yellapragada Subbarow Awards, recognizing outstanding achievements across various fields.
	FABA: • The Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA),established in 2004 is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting industry-academia interactions and championing innovation.



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